

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1942

The Board of Public Works met on September 30, 1942, in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present: Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor
 J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller
 Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer

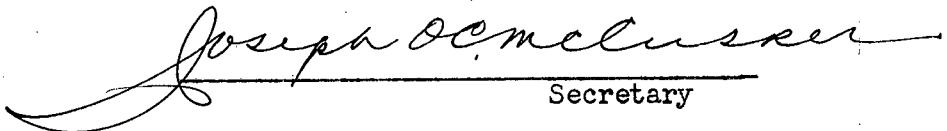
The Minutes of the Meeting of September 1, 1942, copy of which was sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BRIDGE:National Defense

The Governor brought to the attention of the Board correspondence he has had with War Production Board, Washington, D.C., relative to the desire of that Board to have made available for purposes of the war effort the steel and iron in the old state bridge across the Susquehanna River between Perryville and Havre de Grace. In the letter the Governor received from J. Widman Bertch, Chief of Special Projects Salvage Division, Conservation Division, of the War Production Board, dated August 19, 1942, the State was urged to take whatever action might be required in giving the necessary authority for the scrapping of the bridge and the use of the steel and iron in it for purposes of the war effort. In said letter, it was requested that the State of Maryland transfer title to the steel to the Metals Reserve Company for \$10.00 with the understanding that the cost of removal of the steel which is estimated at approximately \$140,000, will be borne by the Metals Reserve Company, with the delivery of the material to the consuming mills. The Governor advised that he had been in touch with the War Department and had been advised by that department that the use of the iron and steel in the bridge, for purposes of the War effort, was of much greater importance than the use of the bridge for any possible emergency.

In view of the circumstances, the Board approved the sale of the bridge to the Metals Reserve Company for the sum of \$10.00, in accordance with Mr. Bertch's letter of August 19th, 1942, and authorized the execution of any papers which might be necessary to evidence this transfer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary